In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 38 and 58. Please amend claims 39-43, 46, 48, 50, 53, and 59-67. Please add new claims 68-69. The claims are as follows:

1-37. (Canceled)

38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~38~~ 42, wherein M = N.

40. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~38~~ 42, wherein M exceeds N.

41. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 40~~ An identification method, comprising:

a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader scanning a user to read N Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags respectively embedded in N objects being carried by the user, each tag of the N tags comprising a tag identifier of said each tag, said N being at least 2;

comparing the N tags read by the RFID reader with M tags in a registered record of data, said registered record comprising a reference to the user, each tag of the M tags comprising a tag identifier, said M exceeding N; and

permitting access by the user to a resource if said comparing has determined that the tag identifiers in the M tags comprise the tag identifiers in the N tags read by the RFID reader,

wherein prior to said scanning the method further comprises randomly selecting the N tags from the M tags.

42. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 38~~ An identification method, comprising:

a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader scanning a user to read N Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags respectively embedded in N objects being carried by the user, each tag of the N tags comprising a tag identifier of said each tag, said N being at least 2;

comparing the N tags read by the RFID reader with M tags in a registered record of data, said registered record comprising a reference to the user, each tag of the M tags comprising a tag identifier, said M being at least N; and

permitting access by the user to a resource if said comparing has determined that the tag identifiers in the M tags comprise the tag identifiers in the N tags read by the RFID reader, wherein the method further comprises providing a checksum mechanism for combining identification information in the N tag identifiers.

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim ~~38~~ 41, wherein after said scanning the method further comprises sorting the tag identifiers in the N tags read by the RFID reader.

44-45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~38~~ 48, wherein prior to said scanning the method further comprises authenticating the user during a registration process in which the registered record is generated.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 38~~ An identification method, comprising:

a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader scanning a user to read N Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags respectively embedded in N objects being carried by the user, each tag of the N tags comprising a tag identifier of said each tag, said N being at least 2;

comparing the N tags read by the RFID reader with M tags in a registered record of data, said registered record comprising a reference to the user, each tag of the M tags comprising a tag identifier, said M being at least N; and

permitting access by the user to a resource if said comparing has determined that the tag identifiers in the M tags comprise the tag identifiers in the N tags read by the RFID reader, wherein prior to said scanning the method further comprises generating a digital certificate having data therein, and wherein the data in the digital certificate comprises a name of the user and the identifiers in the M tags.

49. (Canceled)

50. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~38~~ 41, wherein a tag identifier in a first tag of the N tags includes an indication of a type of the object in which the first tag is embedded.

51-52. (Canceled)

53. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~38~~ 41, wherein the M tags in the registered record have an expiration time.

54-55. (Canceled)

56-57. (Canceled)

58. (Canceled)

59. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~58~~ 62, wherein M = N.

60. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~58~~ 62, wherein M exceeds N.

61. (Currently amended) ~~The system of claim 60, further comprising:~~ An identification system, comprising:

a computer; and

a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader coupled to the computer;

said RFID reader configured to scan a user to read N RFID tags respectively embedded in N objects being carried by the user;

said tag of the N tags comprising a tag identifier of said each tag,;

said N being at least 2;

said computer configured to perform a comparison of the N tags read by the RFID reader with M tags in a registered record of data;

said registered record comprising a reference to the user;

each tag of the M tags comprising a tag identifier;

said M exceeding N;

said computer configured to permit access by the user to a resource if said comparison has determined that the tag identifiers in the M tags comprise the tag identifiers in the N tags;

~~means for~~ said computer configured to randomly ~~selecting~~ select the N tags from the M tags prior to said ~~scanning~~ scan of the user.

62. (Currently amended) ~~The system of claim 58, further comprising:~~ An identification system, comprising:

a computer; and

a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader coupled to the computer;

said RFID reader configured to scan a user to read N RFID tags respectively embedded in N objects being carried by the user;

said tag of the N tags comprising a tag identifier of said each tag,;

said N being at least 2;

said computer configured to perform a comparison of the N tags read by the RFID reader with M tags in a registered record of data;

said registered record comprising a reference to the user;

each tag of the M tags comprising a tag identifier;

said M being at least N;

said computer configured to permit access by the user to a resource if said comparison has determined that the tag identifiers in the M tags comprise the tag identifiers in the N tags;

~~means for providing~~ said computer configured to provide a checksum mechanism for combining identification information in the N tag identifiers.

63. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~58~~ 61, ~~further comprising: means for sorting~~ said computer configured to sort the tag identifiers in the N tags after said ~~scanning~~ scan of the user.

64. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~58~~ 65, ~~further comprising: means for authenticating~~ said computer configured to authenticate the user during a registration process in which the registered record is generated.

65. (Currently amended) ~~The system of claim 58, further comprising:~~ An identification system, comprising:

a computer; and

a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader coupled to the computer;

said RFID reader configured to scan a user to read N RFID tags respectively embedded in N objects being carried by the user;

said tag of the N tags comprising a tag identifier of said each tag.;

said N being at least 2;

said computer configured to perform a comparison of the N tags read by the RFID reader with M tags in a registered record of data;

said registered record comprising a reference to the user;

each tag of the M tags comprising a tag identifier;

said M being at least N;

said computer configured to permit access by the user to a resource if said comparison has determined that the tag identifiers in the M tags comprise the tag identifiers in the N tags;

~~means for generating~~ said computer configured to generate a digital certificate having data therein prior to said ~~scanning~~ scan of the user, wherein the data in the digital certificate comprises a name of the user and the identifiers in the M tags.

66. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~58~~ 61, wherein a tag identifier in a first tag of the N tags includes an indication of a type of the object in which the first tag is embedded.

67. (Currently amended) The system of claim ~~58~~ 61, wherein the M tags in the registered record have an expiration time.

68. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein a tag identifier in a first tag of the N tags includes an indication of a type of the object in which the first tag is embedded.

69. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the M tags in the registered record have an expiration time.